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CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICE - UPDATE 1977

A major goal of the National Agricultural Library is to announce and make available current agricultural and related useful publications to USDA researchers and administrative personnel, to land-grant colleges, and the world-wide agricultural community. To attain this end NAL draws on a variety of resources, both internally and externally generated and publicly and privately produced. Participation by both the public and private sector are essential to the maintenance of any large technical information program, and therefore NAL seeks to attract both.

Readers of ALIN are familiar with the Bibliography of Agriculture, published by ORYX Press and the AGRICOLA - formerly CAIN - data base available for on-line searching from Lockheed Information Systems, or the Systems Development Corporation; and as previously announced in a June 1976 supplement to ALIN, Current Contents - Project 38. What follows is an update on that Project.

CURRENT CONTENTS - PROJECT 38

For readers who missed the first offer of Project 38 or who may not have seen the announcement, it is an NAL administered program which makes the Current Contents Series of publications of the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) available to the agricultural research community at sharply reduced rates. First introduced in 1970, ISI agreed to treat separate subscriptions from USDA agencies or cooperating organizations utilizing Federal funds at group subscription rates. Thus individual subscribers were able to realize savings of up to \$320 per title on 5 year subscriptions.

Although the agreement was obviously beneficial to the participating organizations, there were questions regarding the overall cost of administering the program. The savings on subscriptions were offset by costs incurred in transferring funds from the subscriber to NAL so that ISI could be paid. These problems have now been overcome. The Agricultural Research Service has underwritten the continuation of Project 38 by signing a 5 year subscription contract with ISI. The contract period runs from January 1, 1976 until December 31, 1980 and we now have 350 subscribers. However readers who missed last year's offer may still subscribe for the remaining four years (January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1980). Under the contract the NAL will monitor the contract and validate subscription orders. The Contracting Officer's Representative is Gerald J. Sophar, Executive Officer, National Agricultural Library.

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Current Contents is a series of publications by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is an effective and economic solution of the treble problem of literature scanning, reading selection, and rapid dissemination of information. The weekly issues present to the reader the titles of papers and all other substantive material from more than 1000 journals reporting worldwide research and practice in the social and behavioral sciences. This comprehensive service enables scholars, scientists, educators, and managers to keep up with new developments in their own and related fields. There are seven editions in this series and two separate indexes, each of which is published as a separate weekly issue. The editions are:

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